



## **MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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### **MINUTES of the GOVERNING BOARD of the MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

**June 1, 2005**

#### **I. Call to Order.**

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Michael Berger, at 3:05 p.m. on June 1, 2005 at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks.

#### **II. Roll Call.**

The roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Hayduk, Jerome C. Daniel, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Michael Berger, Chair. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Paul Edelman, Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

#### **III. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.**

No public comment was made.

#### **IV. Reports from Staff:**

- (a) Legal;**
- (b) Operations;**
- (c) Natural Resources and Planning;**
- (d) Interpretation;**
- (e) Developed Parks;**
- (f) Construction.**

The Authority received a verbal report from the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations, the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, Chief of Construction, Staff Counsel, and the Executive Officer.

**V. Consent Calender:**

- (a) Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments pursuant to Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways code and (b) preliminarily approving amended assessments and setting a public hearing for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution ordering the making of amended assessments pursuant to Part 10 of Division 10 of the California Streets and Highways code and (b) preliminarily approving amended assessments and setting a public hearing for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 2.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2005/2006 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 1.**
- (d) Consideration of resolution initiating proceedings for and of intention to levy annual maintenance assessments for fiscal year 2005/2006 and directing related actions for the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District No. 2.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into agreements or memorandums of understanding with the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles to implement the Aliso Wash - Limekiln Creek Restoration Project at Vanalden Park, Northridge.**

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 05-50(a), 05-50(b), 05-51(a), 05-51(b), 05-52, 05-53, and 05-54 were unanimously adopted.

**VI. Public hearing for the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the 8th Street Park Project, along the Pacoima Wash, City of San Fernando.**

No public comments was made.

**VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a contract with Connex Transit, Inc. for the parkLINK park shuttle demonstration project (formerly known as Heart of the Park), pursuant to a Request for Proposals.**

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-55 was unanimously adopted.

**VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds from the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area/National Park Service for augmentation of the parkLINK Shuttle demonstration project, pursuant to the multi-agency Cooperative Management Agreement and Task Agreements.**

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-56 was unanimously adopted.

**IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds from the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area/National Park Service for the creation of an interactive curriculum-based educational website, pursuant to the multi-agency Cooperative Management Agreement and Task Agreements.**

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-57 was unanimously adopted.

**XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of funds from Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1 to acquire an approximately 3.35-acre conservation easement over APN 2272-002-028 (Hollyline Avenue) in Sherman Oaks.**

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Hayduk and Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No 05-58 was unanimously adopted.

**XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of a donation of 40 acres (a portion of APN 4453-003-002) in upper Las Flores Canyon along Scheuren Road, unincorporated Malibu area.**

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 05-59 was unanimously adopted.

**XIII. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.**

No comments were made.

**XIV. Closed Session.**

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions. Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: 4. (1) *City of Malibu v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; (2) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al*; (3) *Andrew Sabol v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al CIV 226281 (Ventura County)*, and (4) *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Laminar RR Acquisition, L.L.C. et al*.

No closed session was held.

**XV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on June 10, 2005.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP  
Executive Officer

Michael Berger  
Chair